सरकार के मत से इस आरक्षण-मुक्ति का प्रयोजन क्षेत्र में प्राप्त चूना पत्थर और अन्य खनिजों पर आधारित नये उद्योग लगाना है, ताकि स्थानीय लोगों को रोजगार और राजकीय राजस्व में बढ़ोतरी की व्यवस्था हो सके।

(ग) मामला सरकार के विचाराधीन है।

Import of Diesel Locomotives

1757. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to change its policy to import the diesel locomotives in view of the transfer of the technology as reported in the Business and Political Observer of 12th August, 1991; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and whether Government have assessed the impact of this change on the modernisation of the Railways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) At present there is no change of policy.

(b) Does not arise.

Irregularities detected in NDDB raids

1758. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether serious irregularities have been detected during raids on NDDB at Madras as appeared in the Financial Express dated the13th June, 1991 and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether similar checks have also been made in other States where NDDB distributes edible oils through its sale to all India distributors and if so, the details thereof?.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) No raids were conducted on NDDB at Madras. However, in December, 1990, Government of Andhra Pradesh requested the assistance of the Commercial Taxes Department of Government of Tamilnadu to gather particulars of inter-State sales effected by NDDB to dealers in Andhra Pradesh for cross-verification the activities of edible oil dealers with reference to the sales tax law The Enforcement officers of the commercial taxes Department visited NDDB at Madras on 26-12-90 and 2-5-1991 to request for the above particulars.

(b) No, Sir. There have been no similar checks in other States.

Memorandum from the Centre of Indian Trade Unions

1759. SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any memorandum dated the 9th July, 1991 from the President of the Centre of Indian Trade Unions;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SING GHATOWAR): (a) Yes Sir,

(b) Various suggestions/requests have been made in the memorandum. These pertain to enactment of a central legislation for unorganised labour, amendments in the Payment of Bonus Act, setting up of joint machinery for dealing with industrial sickness and activising of the tripartite machinery. It has been requested that consultations may be held with the central trade unions on the new series of consumer price index numbers and on the bills concerning workers participation in management and industrial relations.

(c) Similar issues are raised by a number of organisations and individuals before the Government. All these are taken into account and consultations are also held by the Government with the associations of the employer and employees before taking a final decision.

SC/ST enrolled in employment Exchanges

1760. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state the number of

SC/ST candidates enrolled in all Employment Exchanges, category-wise and waiting for employment as on the 1st July, 1991?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SING GHATOWAR): The number of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe job-seekers, all of whom are not necessarily unemployed who were on the live register of employment exchanges in the country as on 31-12-1990 (latest available) was 44.5 lakh and 11.5 lakhs, respectively.

Procurement of Milk by DMS/Mother Dairy

1761. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of milk procured by the D.M.S. and Mother dairy, Delhi from the milk Federations/Milk Cooperatives during the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that the procurement of milk has gone down in the last two months; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor and the corrective steps proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) The average per day quantity of milk procured by the D.M.S. and Mother Dairy, Delhi from the milk Federations/Cooperative Societies during the last three years is as under:—

(in Kgs.)

Year	Delhi Milk Scheme	Mother Dairy, Delhi
1988 . . .	1,98,685	1,67,000
1989 . . .	2,76,469	3,06,000
1990 . . .	3,03,105	3,51,000

(b) and (c) The procurement of milk during July and August, 1991 as compared to the corresponding months in the previous year is given below:—

Year	Delhi Milk Scheme (Kg. per day)	Mother Dairy, Delhi
1990		
July . . .	2,34,876	2,22,000
August	2,92,414	2,53,000
1991		
July . . .	1,85,913	1,11,000
August . . .	1,75,323	1,39,000

The lower procurement of milk during July-August, 1991 is due to delayed Monsoon, diversion of milk for manufacture of ghee and other high margin milk products. The State Dairy Federations were requested to augment milk supply. The procurement price of milk has also been suitably revised.

Export of Iron ore to Japan

1762. KUMARI CHANDRIKA PREMJI KENIA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to review the five year old agreement between India and Japan for export of high quality of iron-ore produced by the National Mineral Development Corporation owned Balia-dila mines in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and the consequent results thereof; and

(c) the present position of the export of iron-ore to. Japan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.